

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
CLEAR CREEK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
AUGUST 24, 2026**

The Board of Trustees for the Clear Creek Independent School District met in a regular meeting in the Board Room at the Education Support Center, 2425 E. Main Street, League City, Texas 77573, on August 24, 2026.

1. *Call to Order*

President Cottrell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. *Establishment of a Quorum*

President Cottrell established a quorum.

Trustees present: Jonathan Cottrell, President
 Jessica Cejka, Vice President
 Jamieson Mackay, Secretary
 Jay Cunningham, Trustee
 Arturo Sanchez, Trustee
 Jeff Larson, Trustee
 Rebecca Lilley, Trustee

Staff present: Karen Engle, Superintendent
 Members of the Superintendent's Cabinet

3. *Public Hearing*

A. *Public Hearing to Discuss the 2026 – 2027 Budget and Proposed 2026 Tax Rate*

Ms. Alice Benzaia, Chief Financial Officer, presented the information to the Board.
No members of the public made comments or asked questions.

4. *Pledge of Allegiance, Texas Pledge, Moment of Silence, and District Mission Statement*

Twelve new principals within CCISD led the Board and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Texas Pledge. Dr. Engle led the Board and the audience in a moment of silence. They also assisted Dr. Engle with the District Mission, Vision, Core Values and Value Statement.

5. *Recognitions*

A. *New Principals in CCISD*

2026 has been a banner year for new leadership in CCISD! Twelve new principals are leading campuses across the district, some stepping into the principal role for the first time and others bringing their experience to a new CCISD campus.

We are incredibly proud of these outstanding leaders and the professionalism, passion and commitment they bring to their schools and the CCISD community every day.

Erin Schmidt – Clear Springs High School

Previous Role: Principal of Creekside Intermediate

Been in education: 17 years

Cory West – Clear Path Alternative School

Previous Role: Assistant Principal at Clear Brook High School

Been in education: 12 years

Vanessa Reyes – Creekside Intermediate

Previous Role: Assistant Principal at Clear Springs High School

Been in education: 25 years

Jeffery Prince – Westbrook Intermediate

Previous Role: Assistant Principal at Westbrook Intermediate

Been in education: 14 years

Holly Troyer – Ferguson Elementary

Previous role: Assistant Principal at Weber Elementary

Been in education: 23 years

Kimberly Fernandez – Ross Elementary

Previous role: Assistant Principal at Bauerschlag Elementary

Been in education: 28 years

Dr. Betsy Horner – Bay Elementary

Previous role: Principal at Whitcomb Elementary

Been in education: 23 years

Dr. Kara Massey – Falcon Pass Elementary

Previous role: Assistant Principal of Clear Lake Intermediate

Been in education: 20 years

Jenny Toups – Whitcomb Elementary

Previous role: Principal at Bay Elementary

Been in education: 21 years

Erin Tite – McWhirter Elementary

Previous role: Principal at Campbell Elementary

Been in education: 33 years

Chenier Bibb – Campbell Elementary

Previous role: Assistant Principal at Campbell Elementary

Been in education: 25 years

Pamela Baggett – North Pointe Elementary

Previous role: Assistant Principal at North Pointe Elementary

Been in education: 20 years, all at North Pointe

6. *Community Input*

The following members of the Community addressed the Board:

- Mr. Jeff Hasley - Unlawful censorship of public comments on Clear Creek High School's official Instagram page in violation of US Supreme Court unanimous 2024 ruling in O'Conner-Ratcliff Vs. Garnier

7. *District Update/Program Spotlight*

Dr. Karen Engle, Superintendent, gave a district update regarding the start of the 2026 – 2027 school year and accountability ratings. A short video was played highlighting Back to School in CCISD.

Dr. Engle led into the Program Spotlight of the night which included updates from our Support Services Team. Mr. Paul Miller, Assistant Superintendent of Support Services, and his team gave back to school highlights from Child Nutrition, Facility Services, Maintenance, Safe and Secure Schools, SROs, and Transportation. Members of the Board made comments about the outstanding world class role that these teams play in the education and support of a CCISD student.

8. *Action*

A. *Consent Agenda*

Vice President Cejka moved to accept the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Consider Approval of Board Meeting Minutes
2. Consider Approval of Human Resources Report
3. Consider Approval of Budget Amendment #2
4. Consider Acceptance of Donations
5. Consider Acceptance of Monthly Financial Statements
6. Consider Acceptance of the 2025 Tax Collection Report
7. Consider Approval of Revenue Source and Fund Balance Commitments as of August 31, 2026
8. Consider Approval of Participation in the Texas Association of School Boards Risk Management Fund to Perform Worker's Compensation Administrative Services
9. Consider Approval of Library Materials
10. Consider the approval of the Galveston County Adjunct Faculty Agreement/Resolution regarding Extracurricular Status of 4-H
11. Consider Approval of the Agreement between Clear Creek ISD and Friendswood ISD to provide a Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP), located at Clear Path Alternative School
12. Consider Approval of Resolution Renewing Good Cause Exception for Armed Security Officer Requirement

13. Consider Approval of the Use of Capital Projects Funds for Facility Related Projects
14. Consider Approval of ILA Purchasing Cooperatives, Fees, and Annual Expenditures
15. Consider Approval of Renewal of Contract 2023.508 Curriculum Management Assessment and Professional Learning System
16. Consider Approval of Renewal of Contract 2027.502 Enterprise Resource Planning Financial Package (ERP)
17. Consider Approval of Award of Contract 2027.602 Athletic, Trainer & Physical Education Equipment, Supplies, Clothing, and Installation Services
18. Consider Approval of Award of Contract 2027.802 Bulk Paper
19. Consider Approval of TEC §39.008 Certification of Compliance with Certain Laws Required
20. Consider Approval of Local Policy Revisions Relating to the Clear Tech Virtual Program - FIRST READING
21. Consider Approval of CS(LOCAL) Facility Standards - SECOND READING
22. Consider Approval of FC(LOCAL) School Attendance Areas - SECOND READING
23. Consider Approval of TASB Local Policy Update 127 - SECOND READING

B. Consider Approval of the Fiscal Year 2026 – 2027 Budget

Ms. Alice Benzaia, Chief Financial Officer, presented the information to the Board. Members of the Board made comments. Secretary Mackay moved to accent the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the Fiscal Year 2026 – 2027 Budget as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Consider Approval of Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding)

Ms. Alice Benzaia, Chief Financial Officer, presented the information to the Board. Members of the Board made comments and asked questions. Ms. Benzaia answered the questions. Trustee Lilley moved to accept the Superintendent's Recommendation that the Board of Trustees, for the 2026-2027 school year, delegate contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (TEC) 11.1511(c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, 48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC, 49.006. This includes approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding). The motion passed unanimously.

9. Closed Session

President Cottrell called the meeting into closed session at 7:21 p.m.

President Cottrell convened the meeting into open session at 7:29 p.m.

10. Adjournment

President Cottrell adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Jonathan Cottrell, Board President

Jamieson Mackay, Board Secretary

Date Approved: _____

Minutes prepared by Greta McMahon